

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

FACT SHEET

**AUTHORIZATION TO FILL 146 FULL-TIME POSITIONS AND FOR CONTRACT
AGENCIES TO USE ONE-TIME
FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2010-11 TO FURTHER IMPLEMENT THE MENTAL
HEALTH SERVICES ACT – PREVENTION AND EARLY INTERVENTION PLAN
&
APPROVAL OF AN APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(4 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request approval and authorization to further implement the Mental Health Services Act – Prevention and Early Intervention Plan through the following authorizations: 1) authorize the Department to fill 146 ordained Full-Time Equivalent items; 2) authorize the Department to allocate to existing contract agencies one-time Prevention and Early Intervention funds; and 3) authorize the Department to expend funds for hospitality purchases for community and County-agency affiliated events; and 4) approve an appropriation adjustment.

REQUEST

1. Authorize the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to fill 146 ordained Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) positions for the Mental Health Services Act (MHSA) Prevention and Early Intervention (PEI) programs (Attachment I). These positions are requested within DMH's current staffing ordinance, and pursuant to Section 6.06.020 of the County code and is subject to allocation by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
2. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute an amendment, substantially similar to Attachment II, to DMH Legal Entity Agreements (LE Agreements) with 93 contract agencies to enable clinical and direct-service personnel to be trained to render PEI services. Estimated Maximum Contract Amounts (MCA) for the 93 contract agencies are detailed in Attachment III. The amendments will be effective upon Board approval through June 30, 2011.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to these LE agreements and establish as a new MCA, the aggregate of the original agreement and all amendments; and to further amend these LE agreements as necessary, including providing time extensions if funding is available provided that: 1) the County's total payments to each contract provider for each fiscal year will not exceed an increase of 20 percent from the last Board approved MCA; 2) any such increase will be used to provide additional services or to reflect program and/or policy changes; 3) your Board has appropriated sufficient funds for all changes; 4) approval of County Counsel, or designee, is obtained prior to any such amendments; 5) County and contract providers may by written amendment reduce programs or services without reference to the 20 percent limitation and revise the applicable MCA; and 6) the Director will notify your Board and the CEO of agreement changes in writing within 30 days after execution of each amendment.
4. Approve and authorize the Director of Mental Health, or his designee, to utilize \$50,000 in MHSA PEI funds for hospitality purchases and ancillary services for community members, consumers, and other County-affiliated agencies during community planning events, outreach and engagement, workgroups, on-going development and implementation-related activities, as approved by the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH).
5. Approve an appropriation adjustment (Attachment IV) for FY 2010-11 in the amount of \$12,726,000, which encompasses \$4,160,000 for Salaries and Employee Benefits (S&EB) and \$8,566,000 for Services and Supplies (S&S). This appropriation adjustment of \$12,726,000 is fully funded by:
 - State Mental Health Services Act – Proposition 63: \$10,403,000
 - Federal Financial Participation (FFP) Medi-Cal: \$1,343,000
 - Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment – State General Funds (EPSDT-SGF): \$717,000
 - American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARRA): \$257,000
 - Healthy Families: \$6,000

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval of the recommended actions will fund and allow DMH hiring authority for 146 ordinance positions for the delivery of PEI mental health services described in the PEI Plan for DMH's directly-operated clinics.

This increased staffing will provide a broader range of PEI mental health services through various PEI projects which are comprised of 13 Evidence-Based Practices

(EBPs), four Promising Practices (PPs), one Community-Defined Evidence (CDE) practices, and two pilot programs.

Contract agencies will also be allocated one-time PEI funds to prepare and train clinical and direct-service personnel to deliver services upon credentialing or certification.

DMH also anticipates a significant increase in outreach and engagement, on-going development activities, and direct contact and involvement with agencies to address the needs of their respective consumer populations in our County. In order to facilitate these meetings that serve as a necessary component in the Department's oversight of service delivery to County constituents, DMH will utilize PEI funds, not to exceed \$50,000, to provide ancillary hospitality purchases (i.e. beverage service and, on a minimal case by case basis, food or other necessary incidentals).

BACKGROUND

DMH has begun implementing the PEI Plan, developed through input from mental health stakeholders and non-traditional mental health participants to serve specific age groups and special populations. The PEI Plan was submitted to the State Department Mental Health on July 1, 2009 and approved by the MHSA Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Committee on August 27, 2009. DMH's PEI Plan for FY 2009-10 was approved for \$121,661,559.

In FY 2009-10, due to adverse budgetary circumstances that required the reduction of County General Funds core programs, your Board authorized DMH to allow contract agencies the opportunity to provide MHSA PEI services through transformation to new PEI programs in FY 2009-2010.

The Department is now proceeding with the transformation and expansion of 20 new PEI programs for its directly-operated clinics. DMH expects that the services from our clinics will significantly expand in quality and quantity to meet the goals of the priority populations addressed in the PEI Plan.

The Department will be working with the CEO Classification Division to finalize allocation levels of the requested positions. The staffing of these positions will ensure that individuals are properly identified as potential beneficiaries, and are rendered the full array of services specific to the PEI Plan programs.

Through the amendment(s) DMH will provide an estimated \$5,500,000 in PEI funds to contract agencies in order to establish the service capacity that will enable them to expedite implementation of the PEI programs. This one-time only funding is available

for the current fiscal year to agencies with personnel who attend trainings for their credential/certification in a DMH-approved PEI practice through June 30, 2011.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

All of the 93 contract agencies have existing LE Agreements with DMH. The LE Agreements are being amended to allow these 93 contract agencies the opportunity to develop their clinical and service capacity by preparing direct-service staff to implement the EBPs, PPs, and/or CDEs. Amendments to their existing LE Agreements will be executed upon Board approval.

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